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PRESIDENT PHILIP:

The regular Session of the 91st General Assembly will please come to order. Will the Members please be at their desks, and will our guests in the galleries please rise? Our prayer today will be given by the Reverend Michael Deutsh, First Baptist Church, Ashland, Illinois. Reverend Deutsh.

THE REVEREND MICHAEL DEUTSH:

(Prayer by the Reverend Michael Deutsh)

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Please remain standing for the Pledge of Allegiance. Senator Sieben.

SENATOR SIEBEN:

(Pledge of Allegiance, led by Senator Sieben)

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Reading of the Journal. Senator Myers.

SENATOR MYERS:

Mr. President, I move that reading and approval of the Journals of Monday, April 26th, and Tuesday, April 27th, in the year 1999, be postponed, pending arrival of the printed Journals.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Myers moves to postpone the reading and the approval of the Journal, pending the arrival of the printed transcript. There being no objection, so ordered. Committee Reports.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senator Sieben, Chair of the Committee on Agriculture and Conservation, reports House Bills 2112, 2784 and 2826 Do Pass; and House Bills 1825 and 2605 Do Pass, as Amended.

Senator Rauschenberger, Chair of the Committee on Appropriations, reports Senate Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 580 Be Adopted.

Senator Hawkinson, Chair of the Committee on Judiciary, reports House Bills 41, 70, 76, 252, 343, 404, 421, 466, 669, 729,

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753, 810, 854, 1097, 1177, 1180, 1182, 1432, 1570, 1764, 1771, 1858, 1863, 1935, 1964, 2096, 2257, 2306, 2347, 2349 and 2360 Do Pass; House Bills 376, 377, 424, 448, 731, 1164, 1193, 1413, 1759, 2310, 2708, 2711 and 2748 Do Pass, as Amended.

Senator Mahar, Chair of the Committee on Environment and Energy, reports House Bills 1163, 1318, 2023 and 2771 Do Pass; and House Bills 92 and 1893 Do Pass, as Amended.

Senator Fawell, Chair of the Committee on Transportation,

reports House Bills 809, 1102, 1252, 1739, 1874, 2355 and 2823 Do Pass; House Bills 1676 and 1972 Do Pass, as Amended; Senate Joint Resolution 30 Be Adopted, as Amended; Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 2630 and Amendment 1 to House Bill 2792, both Be Adopted.

And Senator Cronin, Chair of the Committee on Education, reports House Bills 420, 506, 1353, 1522, 1645 and 1811 Do Pass; and House Bills 2013, 2020 and 2733 Do Pass, as Amended.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Resolutions.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Resolution 97, offered by Senator Sullivan and all Members, as is Senate Resolution 98.

Senate Resolution 99, by Senator Link and all Members.

And Senate Resolution 100, by Senator Viverito and all Members.

They're all death resolutions, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Consent Calendar.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Resolution 101, offered by Senator Hendon.

It's substantive.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

House Bills 1st Reading.

SECRETARY HARRY:

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House Bill 1401, by Senator Halvorson.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 1590, Senator Dudycz.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 1781, by Senator Cronin.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 1963, by Senator Lightford.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

And House Bill 2787, Senator Bomke.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of the bills.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Dudycz, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR DUDYCZ:

Point of personal privilege, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

State your point.

SENATOR DUDYCZ:

Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, we have a special guest on the Floor with us this morning, or this afternoon. We have the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County, Aurie Pucinski, and I'd like to give her a warm welcome.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Yes. Aurie, please rise and be recognized by the Senate.

Senator Sullivan, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR SULLIVAN:

Point of personal privilege.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

State your point.

SENATOR SULLIVAN:

I'd like to introduce to the Senate today -- one of my buddies from grade school and high school is in the gallery above the

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President, Terry Zeman.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Would you please rise and be recognized? I'm surprised he's still a friend of yours. Senator Link, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR LINK:

A point of personal privilege, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

State -- state your point.

SENATOR LINK:

On the Republican side in the gallery, we have Alex Dorn, who's representing Wilmot Elementary School in Deerfield, District

9, who's down here for Tech 2000.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Will they please rise and be recognized by the Senate?
Welcome. Senator Myers, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR MYERS:

Thank you, Mr. President. I have several guests in the gallery. Here for Tech 2000 are Paris High School and their -- and Mr. Sam Roberts. I also have Mac Leverenz. His daughter, Maddy, is my Page for today. They're from Danville, and I have...

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Will you please rise and be recognized by the Senate? This seems to be some kind of a virus today that has become catching. Senator Walsh, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR L. WALSH:

Point of personal privilege, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

State your point.

SENATOR L. WALSH:

Today, in the gallery on the Democratic side of the aisle, we have Dr. James Clark, the Superintendent of Joliet Township High

School and some of the school board members. Like to have 'em...

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Will Dr. Clark please rise and be recognized by the Senate?
Senator Demuzio, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Well, thank you, Mr. President. I have a -- three special Pages with me today, on the Floor behind me, Dana, Lauren and Kristy Muscolino, who are with us today, and their father is in the galleries sitting behind me. I'd like to have the Senate recognize my Pages and our special guests.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

If they would please rise and be recognized by the Senate. All right. Now we're going to 2nd Readings, on page 9, in the middle of your -- excuse me, page 8, in the middle of your Calendar. House Bill 133. Senator Madigan. Take it out of the record. House Bill 153. Senator Weaver. House Bill 153. Senator Weaver. Take it out of the record. House Bill 240. Senator Lauzen. Senate {sic} Bill 240. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 240.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

3rd Reading. Senate -- House Bill 321. Senator Radogno. House Bill 321. Senator Radogno. Take it out of the record. House Bill 427. Senator Fawell. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 427.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Public Health and Welfare adopted one amendment.

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PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Have there been any Floor amendments that have been approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HARRY:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

3rd Reading. House Bill 471. Senator Dillard. Take it out of the record. House Bill 525. Senator Dillard. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 525.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The -- no committee or Floor amendments.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

3rd Reading. Senate {sic} Bill 541. Senator Noland. House Bill 541. Senator Noland. Take it out of the record. House Bill 542. Senator Radogno. House Bill 542. Senator Radogno. Take it

out of the record. House Bill 555. Senator Syverson. House Bill 555. Senator Syverson. Take it out of the record. Oh. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 555.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

3rd Reading. Could we kind of hold down the chatter? The poor sponsors can't even hear what's going on here. Thank you.

House Bill 675. Senator Madigan. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 675.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments.

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PRESIDENT PHILIP:

3rd Reading. Senate Bill -- House Bill 721. Senator Obama. House Bill 721. Senator Obama. Take it out of the record. House Bill 727. Senator Clayborne. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 727.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

3rd Reading. House Bill 841. Senator Peterson. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 841.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

3rd Reading. House Bill 843. Senator Fawell. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 843.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

3rd Reading. House Bill 845. Senator Geo-Karis. Senator Geo-Karis. 845. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 845.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Local Government adopted one amendment.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Have there been any other Floor amendments been approved for

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consideration?

SECRETARY HARRY:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

3rd Reading. House Bill 895. Senator Dillard. Read the bill,
Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 895.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

3rd Reading. Senator Walsh, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR T. WALSH:

Point of personal privilege, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

State -- state your point.

SENATOR T. WALSH:

If I could have everyone's attention, today is Zoo Day, or
it's the official Zoo Day in the Illinois Senate, and as you can
see here, we have BZ Bear from the Brookfield Zoo. And today,
downstairs, there have been many of the kids that have gone down

into Room 122 where the Brookfield Zoo has bought {sic} several people and has set up some of their displays to show you some of the good things that the zoo is doing. The Brookfield Zoo, which is in my district, attracts 2.2 million visitors a year. We have -- nearly fifty percent of those visitors come from outside of Cook County and there are a hundred and twenty different communities that have volunteers represented at the zoo. This year, the Brookfield Zoo is celebrating its sixty-fifth anniversary. I want to welcome BZ Bear and invite you all to go down to Room 122 and see some of the great things that the Brookfield Zoo is doing in the State of Illinois and in my

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district. Welcome, BZ.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Walsh, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR L. WALSH:

Personal privilege, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

State your point.

SENATOR L. WALSH:

In the President's Gallery, behind the Podium, we have with us

the Custer Park Elementary School, Cathy Johnson, Teacher, and Ellen Vanderhyden and Allison Hayden, who participated today in the Tech 2000. And I'd like to welcome them to the Illinois Senate.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Would they please rise and be recognized by the Senate? House Bill 901. Senator Walsh. Senate -- House Bill 901. Senator Walsh. Take it out of the record. House Bill -- whoop! House Bill 1113. Senator Madigan. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 1113.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Licensed Activities adopted one amendment.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Have there been any other Floor amendments that have been approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HARRY:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

3rd Reading. House Bill 1151. Senator Sieben. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

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House Bill 1151.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

3rd Reading. House Bill 1308. Senator Sieben. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 1308.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

3rd Reading. House Bill 1348. Senator Parker. House Bill 1348. Senator Parker. Take it out of the record. Top of page 10. House Bill 1469. Senator Bomke. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 1469.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

3rd Reading. House Bill 1565. Senator Hawkinson. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 1565.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

3rd Reading. House Bill 1622. Senator Parker. Take it out of the record. House Bill 1678. Senator Rauschenberger. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 1678.

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(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

3rd Reading. House Bill 1713. Senator Radogno. House Bill 1713. Senator Radogno. Take it out of the record. House Bill 1732. Senator Peterson. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 1732.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Public Health and Welfare adopted one amendment.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Have there been any further amendments that have been approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HARRY:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

3rd Reading. House Bill 1790. Senator Dillard. House Bill 1790. Senator Dillard. Take it out of the record, Mr. Secretary. House Bill 1832. Senator Syverson. House Bill 1832. Senator Syverson. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 1832.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

3rd Reading. House Bill 1839. Senator Smith. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 1839.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Public Health and

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Welfare adopted one amendment.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Have there been any other Floor amendments that have been approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HARRY:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

3rd Reading. House Bill 1942. Senator Radogno. House Bill 1492 {sic}. Senator Radogno. Take it out of the record. Whoop! Read the bill. I'm sorry.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 1942.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

3rd Reading. Senator Trotter, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR TROTTER:

Personal privilege, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

State your point.

SENATOR TROTTER:

Yes. Thank you very much. I would like for the Body to recognize the Lincoln Dental Society, who is in the Democratic Gallery behind us. Would you please give them a warm Springfield welcome?

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Would you please rise and be recognized by the Senate? House Bill 1960. Senator Dillard. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 1960.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments.

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PRESIDENT PHILIP:

3rd Reading. House Bill 2026. Senator Dillard. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 2026.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

3rd Reading. House Bill 2216. Senator Bomke. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 2216.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

3rd Reading. Senate Bill -- House Bill 2217. Senator Donahue. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 2217.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Public Health and Welfare adopted one amendment.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Have there been any other Floor amendments that have been approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HARRY:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

3rd Reading. House Bill 2218. Senator Cronin. House Bill 2218. Senator Cronin. Take it out of the record. House Bill 2256. Senator Syverson. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

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House Bill 2256.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

3rd Reading. House Bill 2283. Senator Donahue. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 2283.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Executive adopted one amendment.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Have there been any Floor amendments that have been approved -- consideration?

SECRETARY HARRY:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

3rd Reading. House Bill 2298. Senator Weaver. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 2298.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

3rd Reading. House Bill 2303. Senator Hawkinson. Take it out of the record. House Bill 2308. Senator Sieben. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 2308.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Public Health and Welfare adopted one amendment.

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PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Have there been any further amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HARRY:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

3rd Reading. House Bill 2518. Senator Rauschenberger. House Bill -- read the bill.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 2518.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Executive adopted one amendment.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Have there been any Floor amendments that have been approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HARRY:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

3rd Reading. House Bill 2519. Senator Rauschenberger. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 2519.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Executive adopted one amendment.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Have there been any Floor amendments that have been approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HARRY:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

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3rd Reading. House Bill 2630. Senator Geo-Karis. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 2630.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee amendments.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Have there been any Floor amendments that have been approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HARRY:

Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Fawell.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Fawell, to explain Amendment No. 1.

SENATOR FAWELL:

Thank you very much. This amendment clarifies that while the first offense for falsifying information on a motor vehicle title document remains a Class A misdemeanor, the penalty for a second or subsequent offense would increase from Class 4 to a Class 3 felony.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Is there any further discussion? Any further discussion? If not, Senator Fawell moves the adoption of Amendment No. 1 to House Bill 2260 {sic} (2630). All those in favor, signify by saying Aye. Those opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The -- the amendment is adopted. 3rd Reading. ...Link, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR LINK:

Point of personal privilege, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

State your point.

SENATOR LINK:

In the gallery behind us, we have today from the Shepard Junior High School, in Deerfield, Illinois, participating in the

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Tech 2000, Alan Mellovitz and Jake Schwabe, who are here to join us today.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Will they please rise and be recognized by the Senate?
Senator Geo-Karis, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, a point of personal privilege. Point of personal privilege.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

State your point.

SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

Thank you. Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, I'm delighted to have with us today a number of students and two -- two of their instructors, Bruce Hansen, from Lake Zurich, who is serviced by Senator Peterson's district, and Mr. Leon McPherson, both in government classes, and students, Ben Browning and Gabrielle Devlin, Amanda Evans, Eric Goebel, Dan Lee, Diana Montgomery, Josh Petersen, Michelle Rune and Lisa Tjader. Michelle Rune, Diana Montgomery and Josh Petersen are our Honorary Pages today. And they're all fine students, and I want to tell you that two of the students from Zion-Benton High, Amanda Evans and Jonathan Budzik, were two of the top twenty-five students for academia in the Illinois High School Association. So, I'd like you all to welcome my pet students here, I have the best, and their professors.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Will they -- please stand and be recognized by the Senate?

House Bill 2676. Senator Hawkinson. Read the bill.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 2676.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments.

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PRESIDENT PHILIP:

3rd Reading. House Bill 2793. Senator Rauschenberger.

Senator Rauschenberger. Read the bill, please.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill...

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Rauschenberger, you're like a butterfly. I can't keep track of you.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 2793.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Executive adopted one amendment.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Have there been any Floor amendments that have been approved

for consideration?

SECRETARY HARRY:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

3rd Reading. House Bill 2794. Senator Rauschenberger. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 2794.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Executive adopted one amendment.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HARRY:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

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3rd Reading. ...had some requests for recalls. So we're going to go back. Senator Walsh, for what -- purpose do you rise?

SENATOR L. WALSH:

Point of personal privilege.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

State your point.

SENATOR L. WALSH:

Thank you, Mr. President, one -- one last time. I have with us today from Manteno High School in my district, Tech 2000 class, Brian Leopold, the teacher, and students Allison Williams, Matt Brown, Scott Whalen and Megan Ruge, who are in the President's Gallery. I'd like to welcome them to the Illinois Senate.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

If they would please stand and be recognized by the Senate. On page 8 of today's Calendar is House Bill 133. Senator Madigan. Read the bill.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 133.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Insurance and Pensions adopted one amendment.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Have there been any Floor amendments that have been approved for -- for consideration?

SECRETARY HARRY:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

3rd Reading. On page 9, House Bill 721. Senator Obama. ...Obama. Is he hiding on me? Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 721.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

3rd Reading. The top of page 9. House Bill 541. Senator Noland. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 541.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

3rd Reading.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Resolutions.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Resolution 102, offered by Senator Emil Jones and all Members.

It is -- it is a death resolution.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Consent Calendar. Committee Reports.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senator Weaver, Chairman of the Committee on Rules, reports

that the following Legislative Measures have been assigned: Refer to Commerce and Industry Committee - House Bills 658, 1234, 1959 and 2255; refer to Executive Committee - House Bills 470, 1176 and 1966; refer to Judiciary Committee - House Bills 734, 1817, 2272, 2844 and 2845; re-refer from Judiciary to Rules Committee - House Bill -- pardon me, 215; refer to Licensed Activities Committee - House Bill 1805; refer to Local Government Committee - House Bill 2044; re-refer from Local Government Committee to Rules Committee - House Bill 668; refer to Revenue Committee - House Bill 668; and refer to State Government Operations Committee - House Bills 63 and 2492.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

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Senator Karpiel, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR KARPIEL:

Thank you, Madam Chairman. I would like to announce a Republican Caucus in Senate -- Senator Philip's Office immediately.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

How long would that be?

SENATOR KARPIEL:

Upon adjournment.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Do you have any idea about the time?

SENATOR KARPIEL:

Not really, but I don't think it should be too long.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Thank you, Senator Karpiel. Senator Smith, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR SMITH:

Thank you, Madam President. We respectfully request a Democratic Caucus immediately in Senator Jones...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

After adjournment.

SENATOR SMITH:

Yes, after adjournment.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Thank you, Senator Smith. The request has been made by Senator Karpiel for caucus immediately after adjournment, and also by -- for the Republicans in -- in Senate -- Senator Pate Philip's room, and for Senator Smith's request for a caucus in -- Republican -- Democrat Caucus too. In Senator Jones' room? Thank you. And, Senator Klemm, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR KLEMM:

I just wanted to remind the Members of the Executive

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Committee, we will be meeting after the caucuses, I believe. I don't know what time to tell you, but we'll be in 212.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator Klemm announces that the Executive Committee will be meeting after the caucuses in Room 212. Senator Peterson, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR PETERSON:

Point of personal privilege, Madam Speaker.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

State -- state your point, Senator...

SENATOR PETERSON:

I'd like to introduce...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Quiet, please. Thank you.

SENATOR PETERSON:

...some constituents from my district, the Mayor of Lake Zurich, James Krischke; a trustee, Steve McAvoy; and Claudette Dyback. Also, Bruce Hansen from Lake Zurich.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

We welcome the constituents of Senator Peterson from Lake Zurich. Senator Jones, for what purpose do you rise, sir?

SENATOR E. JONES:

Yeah. Thank you, Madam President. We're both going into caucuses and I understand that there will be an Exec Committee

hearing this afternoon, and for a point of information, more or less, so that -- I know our caucus may not last that long because we are of one mind over here.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

That's nice.

SENATOR E. JONES:

But I need to know approximately what time your caucus would be over with so that my Members who serve on that committee can

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avail themselves and be present when we take care of those critical issues in the Exec Committee. So perhaps you can give us an estimate -- a length of time your committee -- your caucus will last. Do you have any idea?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

I have as much idea about it as you have, Senator Jones. And -- Senator Jones.

SENATOR E. JONES:

Well, I see my -- my counterpart is on the Floor talking. I would suggest that perhaps the Chairman call my office or call the Members' offices and let them know, because we would hate for the -- the committee to convene and our Members may be somewhere

having lunch or dinner. So if you would give us a call to let us know so that we, in turn, can be present for the Exec Committee hearings.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator Karpel.

SENATOR KARPIEL:

Madam Chairman, it'll be about a half an hour.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

The caucus is supposed to be about a half an hour, Senator Jones. Senator Klemm, what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR KLEMM:

Well, I was just going to say about 1:30. I'm sure we'd be able to start probably even before then, but we would call your office, Senator, and let your Members know when we're ready. Okay?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator Jones.

SENATOR E. JONES:

Oh, I appreciate that much, but I do have a point of personal privilege, Madam President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

State your point, sir.

SENATOR E. JONES:

You know, I was just looking over some of these statistics as it relate to the bills that are currently on Calendar, bills that are being held in the Rules Committee, and it looks very dismal, as it relate to Members on this side of the aisle, is that the Rules Committee has -- has bottled up many key pieces of legislation that was sponsored by Members on this side of the aisle. And I know that the Rules Committee just met a few minutes ago. I sent a letter to President Philip requesting that these bills be released from committee and they have not been released as of yet. So as we -- as you go in to caucus, I suggest that you, Madam President, and -- and some of the Members on that side of the aisle would encourage the President to let these good bills out of the Rules Committee so they can be debated in the full committee. In your caucus, let's deal with that issue, because it will be a issue in our caucus. As we work toward the last few weeks of adjournment, we want to work in the spirit of cooperation, rather than have a divided Senate here. So I suggest, President Philip, and the Members on that side, to push to get those bills out of Rules Committee so they can be heard.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Thank you. Is there any further business to come before the Senate? If not, Senator Syverson moves that the Senate stand adjourned until the hour of 11 a.m., Thursday, April 29th. We -- the Senate is adjourned till 11 o'clock, Thursday morning, April 29th.

